

HKODA OPEN & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[SP]' in the SIs denotes a standard penalty which will be applied by the race committee/protest committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and those listed in Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB) located at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/1566/event.
- 3.2 Competitor briefing notes will be posted by 0830hrs on each race day.
- 3.3 The race office is located at the Garden Bar at Hebe Haven Yacht Club (HHYC).
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [NP][DP]

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. [NP][DP]

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the Garden Bar at HHYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.' [NP][DP]

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The race schedule will be:

Saturday 27 February	Event swag, ribbon & safety tag collection by Club Reps, HHYC Garden Terrace, 0800 - 0830hrs
	First Warning Signal 1055hrs Open & Intermediate Fleets - Target 3 races
Sunday 28 February	First Warning Signal 1025hrs Open Fleet - Target 4 races Intermediate Fleet - Target 3 races

- 6.2 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for the Open Fleet and 6 races for the Intermediate Fleet. For the Open Fleet, the number of races sailed on 27 February may be increased to 4 at the discretion of the race committee. [NP]
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs. In the case of one or more general recalls when the initial warning signal was made prior to 1600hrs, the race committee may display subsequent warning signals after this time. This exception will not apply to a race that is abandoned or postponed.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND RIBBONS

- 7.1 Class flags and ribbons will be:

	Class Flag	Ribbon
Open Fleet	Yellow Optimist flag	Yellow
Intermediate Fleet	Blue Optimist flag	Blue

- 7.2 Fleet ribbons will be provided by the organising authority and shall be collected by the Club Reps from the race office from 0800 - 0830hrs on Saturday 27 February 2021.
- 7.3 Each boat shall fly the correct colour ribbon from the top of their sprit. Replacement ribbons will be available from the race office. [NP][DP]

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Port Shelter or to the east/south-east of Shelter Island.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The approximate compass bearing from the committee boat to Mark 1/1a may be displayed by the race committee signal vessel.

10. MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks when they are both committee vessels or between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [NP][DP]
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaches of class rules and SIs marked [SP] will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.3 and 14.4.

14.3 Rule P2.2 is changed as follows: 'When a boat is penalized for a second or subsequent time during the event, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.'

14.4 Rule P2.3 will not apply.

14.5 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall submit a penalty report at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/penalty_reports/new?event_id=1566 within the protest time limit. [NP][DP]

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The race target time will be 50 minutes for the Open Fleet and 40 minutes for the Intermediate Fleet. [NP]

15.2 For each fleet, the finishing window is 15 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes.

15.3 For the Open Fleet, boats failing to finish within the finishing window will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

15.4 For the Intermediate Fleet, boats failing to finish within the finishing window may be finished on the course. The race committee will determine the method of finishing and the finish position awarded to those boats. This changes RRS 28. [NP]

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 To inform the race committee of the boats being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail the protested boat's sail number.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.

16.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted via www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=1566 within the protest time limit. Hearing request forms will also be available at the race office.

16.4 Notices will be posted at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/schedules/1566/event no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room at the HHYC clubhouse.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P (as modified by SI 14.3 and 14.4) will be posted at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/penalties/1566/event.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

17. SCORING

17.1 Scoring will be as per NoR 11.

17.2 The scoring abbreviations for a finish position awarded will be FPA. This changes RRS A10 Scoring Abbreviations.

17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/new?event_id=1566.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Competitors shall follow the Sign-Out and Sign-In Procedure in Attachment B.
- 18.2 Failure to follow the Sign-Out/Sign-In procedures will result in a 20% penalty of that boat's score in the last race of the day but she shall not be scored points greater than Did Not Finish. [SP]
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [NP][DP]
- 18.4 Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle or wave a paddle or one arm. The race committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in its opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 18.5 No boat, whether racing or not, shall leave the vicinity of the racing area unless given permission to do so by the race officer. [NP][DP]

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee via www.racingrulesofsailing.org/equipment_substitutions/new?event_id=1566 at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. [NP][DP]

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NoR and SIs. [SP]
- 20.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection. [NP][DP]

21. SUPPORT BOATS & PERSONNEL

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay more than 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first start until all boats in both fleets have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [NP][DP]
- 21.2 When the race committee signals a support boat to move further from the course area, the support boat shall do so immediately. [NP][DP]
- 21.3 If a support boat or person does not comply with SIs 21.1 and 21.2, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee to some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of the support boat.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP][DP]

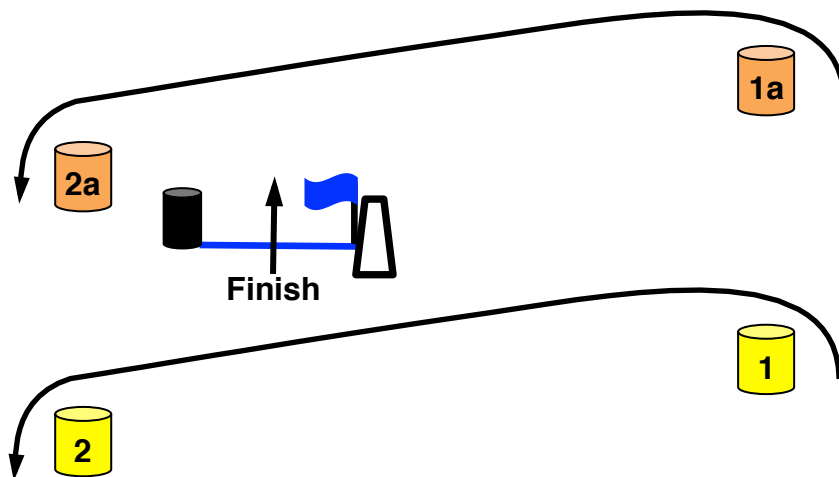
Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Trash shall not be discarded into the water.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race committee, the organizing authority, the co-organizers, the sponsors and their employees will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSES

Optimist Worlds Courses	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
OPEN 1	Start – 1a – 2a – 3s/3p – Finish
INT 1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – Finish



Notes for Optimist Worlds Courses

Marks 1a and 2a will be orange inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.

Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable buoys which shall be rounded to port.

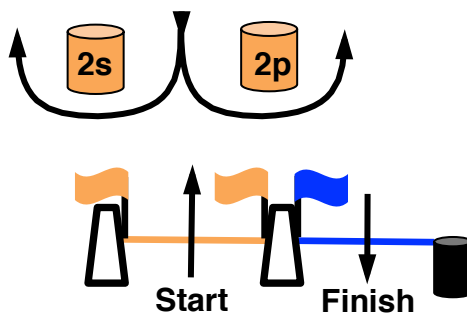
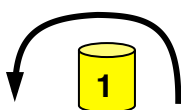
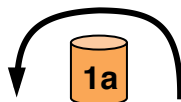
Gate marks 3s/3p will be orange inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a yellow inflatable buoy or a race committee vessel at the port end.

The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a black inflatable buoy at the port end.

The finishing line may be at any distance upwind from gate marks 3s/3p.

Windward/Leeward Courses	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
OPEN L2	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – Finish
OPEN L3	Start – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – 2s/2p – 1a – Finish
INT L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
INT L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



Notes for Windward/Leeward Courses

Mark 1a will be an orange inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.

Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable buoy which shall be rounded to port.

Gate marks 2s/2p will be orange inflatable buoys. At the gate, boats shall pass between the marks and round either mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark which shall be rounded to port.

The starting marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a yellow inflatable buoy or a race committee vessel at the port end.

The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a black inflatable buoy at the port end.

ATTACHMENT B: SIGN-OUT AND SIGN-IN INSTRUCTIONS

- B1. Each competitor will be allocated a personal RFID wristband (safety tag). The wristbands shall be collected by the Club Reps from the race office between 0800-0830hrs on Saturday 27 February 2021. The RFID chip in the wristband corresponds with the competitor's personal details in the event entry system. Therefore the wristband is strictly personal and may not be exchanged with other sailors.
- B2. Competitors shall wear their wristband at all times whilst on the water.
- B3. Each competitor shall sign-out with the beach-master each day before leaving the dock.
- B4. After returning ashore, each competitor shall sign-in immediately with the beach-master before parking his/her boat in the designated area.
- B5. Competitors who leave the race area early shall sign-in immediately at the race office after arriving ashore.
- B6. Competitors who lose their RFID wristband must buy a new wristband at the race office. The cost for a new wristband will be HKD100.